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Docket No. 212/324

Request for Continuing Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

To: Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find a continuation application, filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of the following pending prior application:

Inventors: Michael R. Treat, Fred H. Co, George D. Hermann, Thomas A. Howell, Theodore R. Kucklick, Michelle Y. Monfort, Kenneth H. Mollenauer

Title: Electrothermal Device For Coagulating, Sealing And Cutting Tissue During Surgery

Serial Number: 09/374,56

Filing Date: August 13, 1999

Enclosed please find the following additional papers:

- ☒ 43 page(s) specification; ☐ 4 page(s) claims: ☐ 1 page(s) abstract  
☒ 14 sheets of drawing (☐ informal ☒ formal)  
☐ True copy of the declaration from the prior complete application  
☐ Preliminary Amendment ☐ pages  
☐ Power of Attorney  
☐ Assignment of the invention to:  
☐ A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status  
☐ Other: Information Disclosure Statement

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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|-----------------------------------|----|------|-------------|----------|
| -Basic Filing Fee                 |    | 710  |             | \$710.00 |
| -Total Claims                     | 11 | - 20 | = 0 x 18 0  | 0        |
| -Independent Claims               | 4  | - 3  | = 1 x 80 80 | 80       |
| -Multiple Dependent Claim(s)      |    |      | 270         | \$0      |
| TOTAL CALCULATIONS                | 0  |      |             | \$790.00 |
| -Reduction for Small Entity (1/2) |    |      | .5          | \$395.00 |
| -Assignment (\$40)                |    |      |             | \$0      |
| TOTAL FEES                        |    |      |             | \$395.00 |

- ☐ This application is filed without fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53.  
☐ Check No. in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.  
☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 03-3700.

Date: April 20, 2001

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Date: April 20, 2001

K. David Crockett, Esq.